

Call for Applications - MYAN (Australia) National Conference scholarships for young people seeking asylum

MYAN (Australia) is currently seeking expressions of interest from young people seeking asylum to attend MYAN's national conference in Melbourne in November 2017. This is an important opportunity for young people seeking asylum to engage in the development of research, policy and practice to help young people thrive in a socially cohesive Australia into the future.

What is the Conference?

Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN Australia) and the Melbourne Graduate School of Education are hosting the first ever national conference - *Young people in a multicultural world: Rethinking a new policy and practice agenda* - in Melbourne on 23rd – 24th November 2017 at the University of Melbourne.

The 2017 MYAN Conference will consider the experiences of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in Australia in the context of current global challenges and will address how research, policy and practice can help to address these. Exploring the themes 'Global Citizenship', 'Education to Work' and 'Social Cohesion', the two-day event will bring together international and local policy-makers, academics, practitioners, young people and the business sector.

We hope that this conference will bring us one step closer to developing forward-looking, evidence-based strategic directions for research, policy and practice to help young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to thrive over coming decades in an equitable, socially cohesive Australia. More information is available [here](#).

What are the scholarships?

Five scholarships are available to young people seeking asylum (between 18 and 25 years) with a demonstrated interest in promoting the rights and interests of young people from refugee, asylum seeking and migrant backgrounds.

Recipients will receive full registration, including entry to the conference on 23rd and 24th November and the reception on Thursday 23rd. At the conference they will have the opportunity to participate in all sessions, join the conversations and network with conference speakers and delegates - young people, MPs and other decision makers, as well as those working in policy, practice and research from outside and across Australia.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are:

- A young person aged between 18 and 25 and seeking asylum in Australia.
- Available to attend both days of the conference: 9.00am Thursday 23rd November – 4.30pm Friday 24th November in Melbourne.

How do I apply?

If you would like to apply, please answer these 3 questions in writing:

1. Why are you interested in attending the MYAN National Conference?
2. What do you think you would gain from participating in the conference?
3. Are you involved in any activities:
 - To promote the rights and interests of young people from refugee, asylum seeking and migrant backgrounds in Australia?
or
 - To support young people from refugee, asylum seeking or migrant backgrounds to participate in the community?

Please list the kinds of activities or projects you are involved in (this doesn't need to be paid or formal work).

PLEASE NOTE: Applications that do not answer these questions will not be considered.

Where do I submit my application?

Email your application to nationalconference@myan.org.au by **12pm Wednesday 8th November.**

What is the closing date?

12pm Wednesday 8th November

Where do I get further information?

If you have any questions or need further information, please email nationalconference@myan.org.au